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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. JORDAN TIMES MAY 13 EDITORIALY COMMENTED ON U.S. TRANSFER OF ARMS TECHNOLOGY TO ISRAEL BY SAYING: "ONE REALLY WONDERS IF THERE (SENATORS) KNOW WHAT DISASTERS THEY ARE INVITING ON THE HEAD OF A COUNTRY OVER WHOSE SAFETY AND WELL BEING THEY PROFESS SUCH GREAT CONCERN... TO GO LAONG WITH ISRAEL IS TO CHARG EVER NEW IN ROAD OF INSANITY INTO A SITUATION THAT CALLS FOR WISDOM AND FORESIGHT.

2. "ISRAEL IS IN FACT ASKING FOR THE MEANS TO BREAK OFF ITS DEPENDENCE ON U.S. AS ITS SUPPLIER OF ARMS." THE PAPER CONCLUDES BY EXPRESSING THE WISH THAT "WISDOM WILL TRIUMPH IN THE END."

3. AR-RAY MAY 13 COMMENTING ON THE PRESSURE THAT CONGRESS IS EXERTING "ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION AND AFTER HIS (CARTER) DECLARATIONS ABOUT THE ORGANIC CONNECTION BETWEEN THE RECOGNITION  
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OF THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THE REACH TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE M.E. SUCH PRESSURE IS EXERTED AT THE SAME TIME OF THE INCREASING COLONIZATION OPERATIONS IN THE ARAB OCCUPIED LAND SIDE BY SIDE WITH MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AND MANEUVERS."

4. THE PAPER CONCLUDES BY WORKING THE ARABS TO BE

READY FOR AN IMPENDING ISRAELI ATTACK ON THEM.

"ISRAEL'S LEADERS WILL TRY TO FIND AN OUTLET FROM THE PEACE IMPASSE WHICH THE WHOLE WORLD HAS BECOME CONVICTED IN."

5. JORDAN TIMES MAY 14 COMMENTED ON THE HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL. "NO DOUBT THE REAFFIRMATION OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S SECURITY COULD HELP TAKE SOME DOMESTIC PRESSURE OFF THE ISRAELI LABOR GOVERNMENT. YET THIS IN NO WAY JUSTIFIES THE NONSENICAL NOISES NOW BEING MADE IN ISRAEL ABOUT HOW A STRONG ISRAEL THAT IS ARMED TO THE TEETH WILL BE FLEXIBLE WHILE A WEAK ISRAEL WILL PROVE INTRANSIGENT ON THE QUESTION OF PEACE.

6. "IN THE CASE OF ANY STATE BUT ISRAEL WHICH HAS PROVEN TO BE INTRANSIGENT THE USUAL PRACTICE HAS BEEN NOT TO STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF SUCH A STATE BECAUSE PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION IN GENERAL LEADS TO GREATER INTRANSIGENCE."

7. THE SAME SUBJECT WAS COMMENTED UPON MAY 14 BY AS-SHA'B. "THE U.S. OUGHT TO DETERMINE A CLEAR AND OPEN STANCE FOR ITS POLICY IF IT WOULD BE REALLY SERIOUS IN WHAT IT DECLARES OF ITS READINESS TO ASSIST THE CONCERNED PARTIES IN THE M.S. STRIFE TO REACH TO A JUST SETTLEMENT BASED ON DURABLE PEACE AS DEMANDED BY ARAB AND WORLD."

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8. AR-RAY EDITORIAL MAY 16 SAID: "THE U.S. IN SPITE OF THE ZIONIST INFLEUENCE HAS ALWAYS AIMED AT PREVENTING WAR IN THE AREA AND THAT IT HAS PRACTICED THIS POLICY LONG TIME AGO.

9. "PRESIDENT CARTER STILL TALKS ABOUT PEACE (AND THIS) IS GETTING CLEARER AND THE ARAB LEADERS ARE GETTING MORE CONFIDENT IN THE TRUTHFULNESS OF HIS INTENTIONS TOWARDS PEACE.

10. "THE QUESTION TO BE RAISED NOW IS AS FOLLOWS: WILL THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT CARRY OUT A POLITICAL ADVENTURE OR WILL HE COMMIT HIMSELF TO A STANCE BY WHICH HE MAKES OUT OF HIMSELF THE POWER THAT EXPRESSES THE INTERESTS OF THE U.S. IN THE AREA?"

11. ON THE SAME TOPIC AS-SHA'B MAY 16 EDITORIAL SAID: "INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS AND PARTICULARLY THE AMERICAN ONES MIGHT BE TRUE THIS TIME TOWARDS THE

ACHIEVEMENT OF A COMPRESHNSIVE PEACEFUL STEELEMENT  
IN THE AREA BUT STILL SUCH EFFORTS ARE NOT EVERYTHING  
IN THE PROCESS OF ENDING THE ARAB-ISRAELI STRIFE IN  
A JUST AND FINAL WYA."

12. THE PAPER CALLED FOR ARAB PREPAREDNESS AND COHESION.

13. COMMENTING ON ISRAELI ELECTIONS JORDAN TIMES MAY  
17 SAID: "ON THE EVE OF THE ELECTIONSPERES WENT TO  
THE KNESSET WITH THE NEWS THAT FOR THRE FIRST TIMEEVER  
AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT HAD PUT DOWN HIS COMMITMENT TO  
SUPPLY SIRAEEL WITH ARMS AND MODERS TECHNOLOGY IN A  
LETTER TO CONGRESS.

14. "WHAT MATTERS IS PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMITMENT TO  
PEACE IN M.E. (AND) THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE  
ISRAELIS HAVE SHAKEN THAT.  
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15. "IN RESPONSE TO THIS CHALLENGE PERES SAID THAT IF  
ELECTED HE WOULD GO TO U.S. WITH AN ISRAELI PEACE PLAN  
IN HIS SACHEL. THIS WAS APPAREENTLY TO BEAT THE  
AMERICANS TO THE PUNCH BY COMING UP WITH A MAP FORA  
SETTLEMENT BEFORE WASHINGTON PRESENTED ISRAEL WITH  
ONE."

16. THE PAPER COMES TO THE CONCLUSION BY CITING AN  
ISRAELI TRADITION: "IF YOU FEEL THAT THAT THE U.S. IS  
APPLYING PRESSURE ON YOU TO BE REASONABLE TRY TO  
CONVINCE THE U.S. TO APPLY PRESSURE ON THE ARABS  
TO ACCEPT YOUR UNREASONABLE TERMS FOR NO DOUBT THAT  
IS WHAT THE PEACE MAP WILL AMOUNT TO .... AND THAT IS  
WHERE CARTER'S STAND WILL BE CRUCIAL."  
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